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Presented for filing is a new patent application claiming priority from a provisional patent application of:

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Title: OPTICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF SURFACES AND PLATES

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Under 35 USC §119(e)(1), this application claims the benefit of prior U.S. provisional application 60/443,240, filed January 27, 2003 and U.S. provisional application 60/443,805 filed January 29, 2003.

This application is entitled to small entity status.

Basic filing fee	\$385
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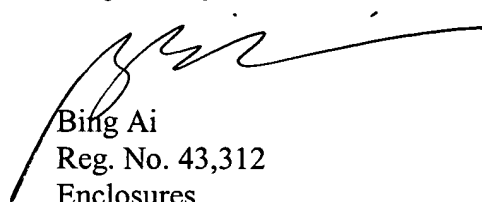
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